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TORRIJOS TELLS REPORTER CANAL NEGOTIATIONS WILL REOPEN SOON

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(SPECIAL REPORT BY STATION NEWS DIRECTOR MARIO VELASQUEZ
IN THE WAKE OF A MEETING THIS AFTERNOON BETWEEN PANAMANIAN
GOVERNMENT CHIEF GEN OMAR TORRIJOS AND U.S. AMBASSADOR TO
PANAMA WILLIAM JORDAN--LIVE)

(TEXT) AMBASSADOR JORDAN ASKED TO MEET WITH GENERAL
TORRIJOS AT THE ORDER OF HIS GOVERNMENT IN WASHINGTON. IN
FACT, AMBASSADOR JORDAN TOLD GENERAL TORRIJOS THAT, AT HIS
GOVERNMENT'S ORDER, HE WANTED TO REPORT THAT THE U.S.
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES HAVE COMPLETED THEIR RECENT ROUND OF
CONSULATATIONS ON THE NEGOTIATIONS OF THE PANAMA CANAL
TREATY. AMBASSADOR JORDAN ADDED THAT, AS A RESULT OF THE
CONSULTATIONS, PRESIDENT GERALD FORD FROM THE SUMMER WHITE
HOUSE IN COLORADO HAS INSTRUCTED AMBASSADOR BUNKER TO REOPEN
THE NEGOTIATIONS SOON. THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO PANAMA ALSO SAID
THAT AT PRESIDENT FORD'S ORDER NEGOTIATOR AMBASSADOR
BUNKER WILL RETURN TO PANAMA IN EARLY SEPTEMBER IN ORDER TO MEET
WITH THE PANAMANIAN NEGOTIATOR. AMBASSADOR WILLIAM JORDAN SAID
NEGOTIATOR BUNKER EXPECTS THE NEGOTIATIONS TO REACH A PROMPT
SOLUTION TO THE REMAINING DIFFERENCES,
COMPLETELY ACCEPTABLE TO THE PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT, ADDING
THAT AMBASSADOR BUNKER IS WELCOME IN PANAMA AS HE ALWAYS
HAS BEEN.

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